

APPROVED
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF
September 27, 2010

LOCATION: City Hall, 2263 Santa Clara Avenue, Conference Room 360

Note: *If you are not able to attend the meeting, please contact Lucretia Akil at (510) 747-4762 and leave a message by the morning of the meeting date.*

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 P.M.

Present: Chair Krongold, Vice-Chair Tam, Commissioners Fort, Harp, Lord-Hausman, Moore and Warren.

Absent: Commissioner Kirola.

2. MINUTES

Approval of the August 23, 2010 Commission minutes.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/NON-AGENDA (PUBLIC COMMENT)

- 3-A. Susan Deutsch , Alameda resident and occupational therapist expressed her interest in joining the CDI.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4-A. Community Development Update (Andrew Thomas, Planning Services Manager):

Andrew Thomas provided an overview of development planning and accessibility, including adhering to rules, regulations, historic requirements and standards to address particular communities and goals. Mr. Thomas addressed techniques and methods, including community engagement to get things done. Specific aspects include retail, office and community gathering buildings, and parking lots. The City meets all accessible guidelines with respect to new development. Mr. Thomas acknowledged that residential development and accessibility issues should be discussed more amongst the community and staff. Mr. Thomas stated that there are two ways to approach this:

- 1) Comprehensive approach: develop city-wide ordinances, policies and rules that stipulate a specific goal or objective, e.g. that the CDI may have a specific interest in.

- 2) Staff can work with the CDI to ensure timely inclusion in most development projects which would address accessibility issues.

Commissioner Lord-Hausman expressed interest in leading the task on tracking future planning items.

Commissioner Harp stated that the City of Fremont is currently looking at a Universal Design ordinance that addresses multiple issues, including accessibility and aging.

Mr. Thomas agreed with the incremental approach by project development.

Commissioner Lord-Hausman stated that the Grand Marina is expanding and asked who should the CDI connect with, to which Mr. Thomas stated both staff and the Planning Board.

Commissioner Moore stated getting some of the antiquated buildings up to code is needed within the city.

Mr. Thomas stated that with the limited staffing resources it will take a partnership to move things forward.

5. OLD BUSINESS

5-A. CDI Vision Planning (Chair Krongold) (Banner)

Commissioner Lord-Hausman presented the banner and recommended the CDI send a letter of thanks to Alameda Alliance for Health for underwriting the entire project.

- Accessible Exercise: Chair Krongold distributed fliers regarding the exercise events covering October.
- School Board Meeting: Chair Krongold will be presenting the Powerpoint presentation to the Board on Tuesday evening in Council Chambers at 6:30p.m.
- Proclamation: Vice-Chair Tam will accept the proclamation at the Tuesday, October 5th City Council meeting.
- Tree Planting: Commissioner Moore confirmed the event will occur Saturday, October 16th at 10:30a.m. Location to be determined.
- Movie Exhibit: Commissioner Warren stated the work group is small. The site at the Main Library is the ideal place. One artist is confirmed to date. One short film is also confirmed from a caretaker's point-of-view. Vice-Chair Tam asked what the timeline is, to which Commissioner Warren responded October 2011. Commissioner Warren also to review subcommittee topics.

5-B. **Paratransit Advisory Planning Committee (PAPCO) (Commissioner Lord-Hausman):**

Commissioner Lord-Hausman did not attend the PAPCO meeting.

5-C. **City Council Meeting Report (Commissioner Fort):**

Commissioner Fort stated he monitored the September 7th City Council meeting and there was nothing specific to the CDI.

6. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

6-A. Secretary Akil advised the Commission that the December 6, 2010 meeting will include the bi-annual Ethics Training required by AB1234. Secretary Akil stated all CDI members should make every effort to attend.

6-B. Secretary Akil acknowledged and thanked Susan Deutsch for attending the CDI and further explained the application process to her for appointment.

6-C. Secretary Akil stated that staff continues to work on the city's overall website and she is still working towards developing an ADA/CDI webpage.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

7-A. Chair Krongold asked who is available to attend the Alameda Hospital Fair to which Commissioner Warren and Commissioner Lord-Hausman agreed to attend.

7-B. Commissioner Moore confirmed that she conducted an Autism Prevention Program at Alameda Recreation & Parks Department which went very well. Secretary Akil stated that Patrick Russi of ARPD expresses deep appreciation and sincere interest in continuing some level of training with ARPD.

Chair Krongold asked how many attended to which Commissioner Moore stated approximately 60 people.

7-C. Commissioner Moore announced that every third Sunday at the Alameda Multi-Cultural Commission Center is Autism Awareness Movie Day.

7-D. Commissioner Lord-Hausman acknowledged that Alameda was selected as one of the "100 Best Communities for Youth." This could be an opportunity for the CDI to make connections and an opportunity to bring the community together.

7-E. Chair Krongold stated that the College of Alameda received the \$250,000 grant which the

CDI wrote a letter of support.

- 7-F. Vice-Chair Tam stated that he is impressed with how much the CDI is making a difference in the community.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, October 25, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucretia Akil
Board Secretary